

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RENOVATIONS AND USES OF OLD NORTH DURHAM PARK

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Resolution on September 6, 2005 concerning Old North Durham Park regarding renovations and uses; and

 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to make changes to the September 6,2005 Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to clarify the future uses of the Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Beginning in the spring of 2012, and subject to the completion of design and successful bidding of the project, the Old North Durham Park ("the Park") will be renovated in two stages. First, the Public Works Department (PW) will resolve storm water and drainage problems in the park by replacing and re-routing underground storm water lines and establishing new drainage grades. Second, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will renovate the existing athletic/multi-use field by removal of a layer of unsuitable soils, replacement with soil suitable for field use, fine grading, and seeding with a grass suitable for field use.

2. The City will replace trees removed as a result of the PW work such that the trees will not infringe on the area of the athletic/multi-use field.

3. The Park will be closed to public use during the period of this renovation work, including time needed for the grass to become established. The City will inform residents and stakeholders of the anticipated period of closure as far in advance of that closure as is possible.

4. The field after its renovation will be suitable for use as an athletic field and as a site for community events. The field will be large enough to be lined for a soccer field no less than 300 feet by 160 feet. Community events will continue to be welcomed into the park, as will use of the park by students from the Central Park School for Children.

5. The City does not anticipate that the field in the park will be a venue for league sports, though the renovation will not preclude its use for soccer festivals or tournaments as can be accommodated at the site.

6. If additional funding becomes available for the renovation of the park, it will be used (1) to improve pedestrian access from W. Geer St. and from Foster St. and (2) to bring a water line into the park to service a water fountain and an appropriate form of irrigation for the field.

7. The City will pursue the placement of a portable toilet in the park, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.